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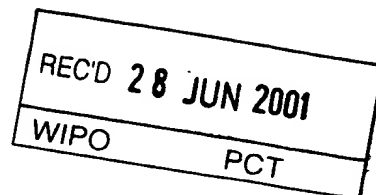
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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Applicant's or agent's file reference 19730-1-IPC	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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Applicant ANACON SYSTEMS, INC.		

- This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

- This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 30 October 2000 (30.10.2000)	Date of completion of this report 05 June 2001 (05.06.2001)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International Application No.

PCT/US00/08562

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-10 _____ as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
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- ☒ the claims:
pages 11-16 _____, as originally filed
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- ☒ the drawings:
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- ☒ the sequence listing part of the description:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims 21-30	YES
	Claims 1-20	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 21-30	YES
	Claims 1-20	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-30	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-20 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by each one of the Zuraski et al. (5,589,805) and Fogg (5,767,740).

Zuraski disclose in Fig. 3 a first switching circuit 25a, 25b and a second switching circuit 25c, 25d both connected in parallel with a DC voltage source to provide a pulse width modulated signal to a load M which may be a DC motor. A control line 15 provides a directional control signal to the switching circuits, so that the polarity of the signal applied to the load M can be reversed. A pulse width modulated signal on line 19 is processed in logic circuit 21 to provide signals to the switching circuits. The circuit in Fig. 3 of Zuraski is capable of operating in the manner as is claimed in claims 1-20. If desired, the directional control signal on line 15 can be controlled so that the DC voltage is switched to produce alternate positive and negative pulse width modulated voltage signals across the load M each for half of a fundamental output period.

Fogg discloses in Fig. 1B a pair of switching circuits 52, 54 and 56, 58 connected in parallel with a DC voltage source (not shown) and which can be controlled by a pulse width modulation control circuit 18 to produce positive and negative pulse width modulated signals each lasting one half of a fundamental output period, as shown at the bottom of Fig. 2B.

Claims 21-30 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the apparatus of claim 21 and the method of claim 26 in which the switches are operated to produce a first polarity output signal by switching the first and second switches of a first switching circuit at a modulation frequency, while the third and fourth switches of a second switching circuit are respectively held in a conducting and a non-conducting condition. And, the switches are operated to produce a second polarity output signal by holding the first and second switches in respective non-conducting and conducting states, while the third and fourth switches are switched at the modulation frequency.

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria for industrial applicability set out in PCT Article 33(4), because the present claimed invention is useful in the industry.

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NONE



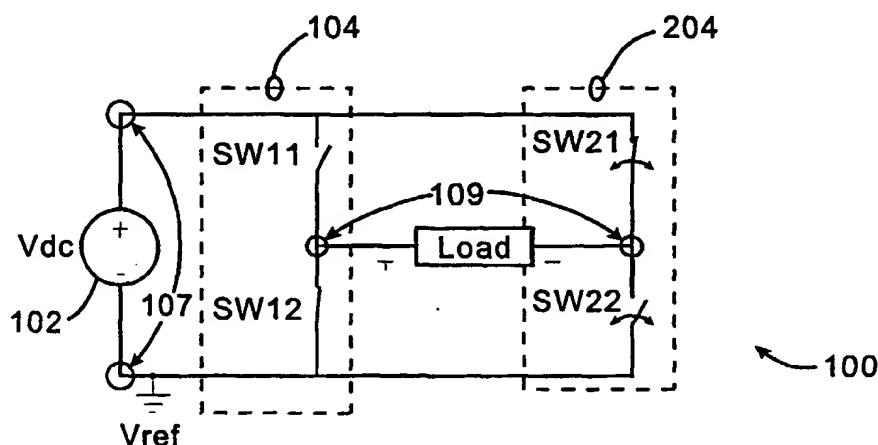
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING PULSE WIDTH MODULATION

(57) Abstract

A pulse width modulation scheme allows the creation of a unipolar pulse width modulated output signal. Two switching circuits (104, 204), preferably different legs of an inverter circuit, can operate to not only modulate an input voltage but also to reverse the polarity of the PWM output signal. Both switching circuits can be configured to accomplish both features, thus the switching load is spread out across all four switches.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : H03K 7/08

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- A	US 5,589,805 A (ZURASKI ET AL) 31 DECEMBER 1996 (31.12.1996), column 2, line 28 to column 3, line 18, Fig. 3.	1-20 ----- 21-25
X --- A	US 5,767,740 A (FOGG) 16 JUNE 1998 (16.06.1998), column 1, line 6 to column 2, line 31, Figs. 1B, 2B.	1-20 ----- 21-25
X --- A	US 6,005,316 A (HARRIS) 21 DECEMBER 1999 (21.12.1999), column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 27, Figs. 3A-4.	1-20 ----- 21-30

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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